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SUBJECT: EXPORT CONTROLS AND EXPORT TAXES

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1. NICARAGUA HAS NO REPEAT NO EXPORT CONTROLS. A 2 YEAR, EMERGENCY TAX OF 10 PERCENT ON FOB VALUE OF AGRICULTURAL, FISHERY AND TIMBER EXPORTS OUTSIDE CENTRAL AMERICA WAS IMPOSED JANUARY 8, 1973, TO HELP MEET COST OF RECONSTRUCTING MANAGUA AFTER EARTHQUAKE. THE EFFECTIVE RATE OF THIS TAX SUBSEQUENTLY HAS BEEN LOWERED BY IMPUTING BELOW MARKET VALUES TO CERTAIN KEY EXPORTS. MOST RECENT SUMMARY OF CHANGES CONTAINED IN MANAGUA 0459. EMBASSY EXPECTS THIS EMERGENCY TAX WILL BE PERMITTED TO EXPIRE IN JANUARY 1975 IN THE CONTEXT OF AN OVERALL TAX REFORM.

2. THE ONLY PRESSURE AT PRESENT FOR EXPORT CONTROLS COMES FROM CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY WHICH WOULD LIKE TO SEE TIGHT CONTROLS ON TIMBER EXPORTS TO INCREASE SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL MARKETS AT LOWER PRICES. IT IS UNLIKELY GON WILL INSTITUTE DIRECT CONTROLS, BUT, IF LUMBER SHORTAGE WERE TO BECOME CRITICAL, IT MIGHT ADOPT INFORMAL, AD HOC MEASURES TO INCREASE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUPPLIES.

3. EMBASSY KNOWS OF NO REPEAT NO BARTER ARRANGEMENTS IN
EFFECT OR UNDER CONSIDERATION.

4. NICARAGUA HAS INTRODUCED NO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN RECENT YEARS.

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